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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:
KUHLMAN

SERIAL NO. : 10/629,015

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FOR: A METHOD OF SAMPLE
PREPARATION FOR ATOM
PROBES AND SOURCE OF
SPECIMENS

Examiner: K.T. Nguyen

Group Art Unit: 2881

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AMENDMENT

AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 3, 2005, please enter the following amendments as placing the case into a clearly allowable condition or in a better form for appeal, and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2

Remarks begin on page 11.

stated grounds of rejection. No explanation is given as to why the amendment was not deemed persuasive.

The applicant reincorporates the arguments of the prior amendment and reasserts them. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review them.

The claims are believed to be in a better form for appeal and their entry is solicited.

Applicant respectfully requests advancement of the claims to allowance.

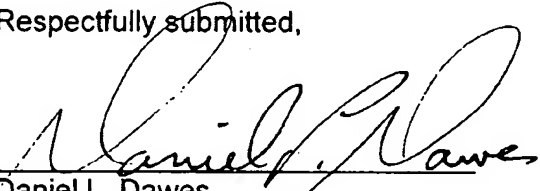
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